

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) The neckrest of claim 4, further comprising: A neckrest for a chair having a backrest, the neckrest adapted to be attached to a backrest shield of the backrest of the chair in a height adjustable manner, the neckrest comprising:

a retaining rod being curved along a length thereof at a predetermined radius of curvature and adapted to be connected to the backrest shield via a movable connection so as to be tiltable by up to approximately 30° in a vertical plane vertically with respect to a backrest surface of the backrest;

a guide sleeve curved along a length thereof at a same predetermined radius of curvature as the retaining rod and being mounted on the retaining rod so as to be slidingly shiftable by up to approximately 200 mm on the retaining rod; and

a headrest connected to the guide sleeve, wherein when the guide sleeve is slidingly shifted on the retaining rod, the headrest moves along a curved path according to the predetermined radius of curvatures of the retaining rod and the guide sleeve.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The neckrest of claim 4: A neckrest for a chair having a backrest, the neckrest adapted to be attached to a backrest shield of the backrest of the chair in a height adjustable manner, the neckrest comprising:

a retaining rod being circular in cross section and adapted to be connected to the backrest shield via a movable connection so as to be tiltable by up to approximately 30° in a vertical plane vertically with respect to a backrest surface of the backrest; and

~~a guide sleeve being circular in cross section and being mounted on the retaining rod so as to be slidably shiftable by up to approximately 200 mm on the retaining rod,~~

wherein the retaining rod includes a molding provided on a side of the retaining rod which is closest the backrest, the molding being seated in a housing having a recess, and the molding having a round surface which slides under pressure on a friction dampening device so as to achieve the movable connection.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The neckrest of claim 2, wherein the friction dampening device is made of a polyurethane rubber (PUR) material.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) A neckrest for a chair having a backrest, the neckrest adapted to be attached to a backrest shield of the backrest of the chair in a height-adjustable manner, the neckrest comprising:

a retaining rod being circular in cross-section and adapted to be connected to the backrest shield via a movable connection so as to be tiltable by up to approximately 30° in a vertical plane vertically with respect to a backrest surface of the backrest; and

a guide sleeve being circular in cross-section and being mounted on the retaining rod so as to be slidably shiftable by up to approximately 200 mm on the retaining rod,

wherein the guide sleeve includes roller bearing elements and a stop pin, the roller bearing elements aiding a sliding movement of the guide sleeve on the retaining rod, and the stop pin limiting a travel path of the guide sleeve on the retaining rod due to a stop on a stop lug of the retaining rod.

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Claim 5. (Canceled).